

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-16 have been amended to further clarify the patentable features recited therein.

Claims 21 and 24 have been added.

This amendment adds and changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

In paragraphs 2-4 of the Office Action, Claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,961,567 to Kuhn. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 recites “said processor to automatically configure without user interference a device for communicating on a communication network with automated activation on said communication network when booted up.” The Examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance dated June 15, 2005 provides a particular interpretation of this limitation, and one which is not completely shown in Kuhn. Namely, the statement of reasons for allowance states:

automated/automatic registration and activation occurs at boot up and part of the automated/automatic registration and activation is the forwarding of a network unit device identifier, e.g., an address. Note that the applicant admits that the instant application does not require ANY user/manual input and the network configuration of the wireless device is done automatically (e.g., page 10 of arguments), where the wireless device already has a network unit device identifier prior to bootup which is forwarded to the server during bootup.

Regarding Kuhn, the Office Action points to Fig. 4 and 5 to “show the method of automated registration and activation without need for user input.” Fig. 5 (which is actually Figs. 5A and 5B) show a more detailed flowchart for a method of managing network activation. The method starts where a driver device in the computer is launched. “For example, the driver device 202 may include a user-selectable icon on the display screen 130 of the computer 100.” Kuhn, col. 10 lines 15-17. This teaching does not meet the particular interpretation of Claim 1 set forth in the Examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance.

Further, the claims of the present application were discussed during an interview with the Examiner on February 20, 2007. An amendment of the claims to recite “wherein the network unit device identifier is loaded by a manufacturer” was discussed, to further clarify the automatic activation limitations of the claims. The independent claims have been amended to recite this amendment, which is supported by p. 20 lines 8-10 of the present application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

The remaining independent and dependent claims are allowable for similar reasons. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid

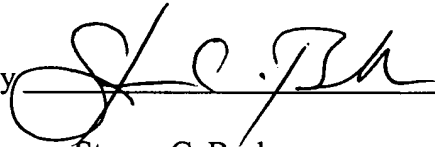
amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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